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**Toy: It's Official, Detroit Diesel to stay, grow in Redford**  
*Michigan Economic Growth Authority approves \$4M tax credit*  
*With Pinnacle Commerce Center, will help to revitalize Southeast MI economy*

**LANSING** – Senator Laura Toy, R-Livonia, today announced that the Michigan Economic Growth Authority board has approved a \$3.9 million Retention Employment Tax Credit for the Detroit Diesel Corporation in Redford Township.

“This is a great day for the citizens of Redford Township and for the State of Michigan,” Toy said. “Working together officials at the state, local, and federal level must continue to fight for every job in our state.”

As Vice Chair of the Senate Commerce Committee, Senator Toy has pushed for approval of Detroit Diesel’s MEGA credits. Sen. Toy also sent a letter in January to Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm urging her to promote economic development in Redford by funding improvements to unpaved roads in the township. This letter followed last November’s approval of \$1.6 million in incentives Sen. Toy also helped to secure for the Pinnacle Commerce Center project, which is slated to create 400 new jobs in Redford Township.

“This is a great example of what is possible when we all work together for a common goal,” Toy said. “We are pleased and proud to see this facility and these jobs remain a valuable part of Redford’s as well as the surrounding area’s economy. The past and present administration has been working to make this possibility a reality for some time.”

The Pinnacle Commerce Center project is to spur \$8.2 million in private investment, and Detroit Diesel anticipates initial capital investments in excess of \$275 million. It is estimated that Detroit Diesel’s facility will retain more than 1,500 jobs in Michigan by 2017. After accounting for the credits offered, the project also is estimated to generate \$58.4 million in state revenues through that year.

“Detroit Diesel’s decision to stay in Michigan instead of moving these projects to South Carolina as they were considering is a great vote of confidence for Southeast Michigan and the entire state of Michigan,” Toy said. “I am proud to do my part in support of this decision, as well as the Pinnacle Commerce Center project.”

The other location being considered by Detroit Diesel for this project was in Winnsboro, South Carolina. This credit, along with previously approved credits, will allow Detroit Diesel to make major renovations and infrastructure improvements to its 65-year-old Redford facility. The new manufacturing mall to be created will produce heavy-duty diesel truck engines, as well as other engines and parts. The Pinnacle Commerce Center project involves the redevelopment of a 980,000-square-foot former Ford Motor Distribution Center into a multi-tenant commercial facility to include warehousing and industrial space.

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